

FIELD-MARSHAL Sir Peter Grant is dead.

He was in his 91st year.
The *Empress of Japan* arrived at Vancouver on Wednesday, the 10th inst., at 6.30 a.m.

The only alteration in the Share Quotations today is: Hongkong, Canton and Macao, Steamboats, \$314, buyers.

The Silk ex N. P. a. Tacoma, which left Yokohama on 12th March, and which arrived at Tacoma on the 27th March, arrived in New York on the 6th inst.

Vessels in the Dock: At Kowloon—Quito, Iron, Spanish cruiser Reina Cristina, Santiago, H.I.G.M.S. Wolf, Cosmoquitan—Ancona, Changsha, Aberdeen—Chelydra.

A service, with holy communion, will be held to-morrow (Good Friday), at 11 a.m., by Pastor Heim, of H. I. G. M. cruiser *Arcona*, at the Chapel of the Berlin Foundation House.

The Post office will be closed on Easter Monday as well as Good Friday except from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Correspondence for the Post and Kowloon may be posted up to 9 a.m. The night box will be kept open. The Money Order Office will be closed entirely on both days.

THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

The Legislative Council met this afternoon. H. E. Sie William Robinson presided. There were also present: Hon. J. H. Stewart, Colonial Secretary; Hon. A. G. Wise, Acting Attorney-General; Hon. A. M. Thomson, Acting Colonial Treasurer; Hon. R. M. Ramsey, Harbour Master; Hon. C. P. Chay, Hon. J. J. Kewick, Hon. Dr. Ho Kai, Hon. E. R. Balliol, Hon. A. McCallum, and Mr. A. Seth, Clerk of Councils.

The minutes were read and approved. The Colonial Secretary laid on the table—The Harbour Master's Report for 1894, a Medical Report on the epidemic of Bubonic Plague in 1894 by Dr. Lawson, and the Registrar General's Report for 1894.

AT THE REQUEST OF A MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.
In moving the first reading of a bill entitled 'An Ordinance to confer certain powers and authorities on the Medical Officer of Health,' Mr. Wise (Acting Attorney-General) said it was proposed to appoint a Medical Officer of Health as a Member of the Sanitary Board. He would have powers of entry into any premises, and would be empowered to take possession of any premises, and would be empowered to take possession of any premises, and would be empowered to take possession of any premises.

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THE SANITARY BOARD.

The fortnightly meeting of the Sanitary Board was held this afternoon. Mr. F. H. May (Vice-President), Captain Superintendent of Police, presided; there were also present: Dr. Ayres, Colonial Surgeon; Dr. Hartigan, Mr. J. J. Francis, Q.C.; Mr. R. K. Leigh, and Mr. H. McCallum, Secretary.

THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE.
The Colonial Secretary, who, informing the Board of the progress of the Bill, before taking this step, Mr. McCallum desired the Board to state what arrangements would be made for carrying out the powers possessed by the Board to deal with epidemics in the event of the Permanent Committee being dissolved.

It appeared from a short discussion which ensued that the Board had no power to appoint Committees.
Dr. Ho Kai moved and Dr. Hartigan seconded a resolution to the effect that the Board could act in an emergency only through a Committee; that there is not at present any power vested in the Board to appoint this Committee, and that the Permanent Committee be not dissolved before power to appoint a Committee had been granted by the Government.

Agreed.
PUBLIC LATHENS.
Mr. J. R. Gorman, Senior Inspector, gave a detailed report of the condition of public latrines throughout the Colony.

Appended was an extract from the report of Dr. Ayres and Dr. Lawson on the plague. Mr. McCallum wrote—With regard to latrines these have not been put in a satisfactory condition since attention was called to them in a letter by Dr. Lawson, dated August 12, 1894, which pointed out the dangers of plague propagation through them. As a new system cannot be inaugurated at once, the most stringent measures should be taken to see that they are carefully inspected and kept as clean as possible. At the present juncture an Inspector of Nuisances should have nothing else to do but look after them. This work would have to be done in a most conscientious manner and directions given as to the free use of disinfectants. Unless a system for the regulation of these latrines is inaugurated now there will be a breakdown in this important matter when any difficulty arises. Several latrines should be closed at once as nuisances and injurious to health.

Dr. Hartigan wrote that where possible better ventilation and more numerous latrines should be provided.
Mr. Francis suggested that Mr. Ram should make an examination and full report on each.

Mr. R. K. Leigh was of opinion that the Government should at once provide sufficient and good latrine accommodation throughout the city, and Mr. Francis and Dr. Hartigan agreed with this suggestion. Mr. F. A. Cooper wanted to know what Mr. Leigh considered sufficient and good latrine accommodation. Did Mr. Francis and Mr. Leigh consider that no duty rested on owners of property to provide suitable accommodation of this nature in connection with the buildings they erected?

It was agreed, on the motion of Mr. Francis, seconded by Dr. Hartigan, that Mr. E. A. Ram should be instructed to make an inspection of all public latrines in Hongkong as quickly as possible, and that a medical officer should be associated with him in making the inspection.

A considerable number of letters were submitted to the Board relative to the use of Calvert's disinfecting fluid.
Mr. McCallum—A. Calvert. I have not received from Mr. Calvert any information I have received that it is very similar in its nature to Jeyes' disinfecting fluid and equally suitable for ordinary use as a detergent and disinfectant, and to some extent a disinfectant. To my mind it is, therefore, purely a question of price and certainly Calvert's preparation is by far the cheapest. When we next require a supply of so-called disinfecting fluid I recommend that Calvert's be obtained in lieu of Jeyes', and I do this purely on the grounds of their relative prices, and not otherwise. I fear them as being of equal value.

Dr. Hartigan—The first offer was 1/3d. per 2/5; is 3d. a gallon too high for Calvert's? At what price can Jeyes' be got in similar quantities from local agents?

Mr. Francis—I see no objection to trying Calvert's.

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ALICE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.

A meeting of the Finance Committee was held in the Alice Memorial Hospital rooms this afternoon at 4 o'clock. The Hon. J. H. Stewart, President, was in the Chair.

The Minutes of a special meeting, held in November last and previously circulated among friends and subscribers, were taken as read.

The Hon. J. H. Stewart, President, was re-elected Chairman of the Finance Committee.

An acknowledgment of the tribute paid by Dr. Thomson to Mr. Lockhart's energetic and valuable services in connection with the hospital in past years, the Chairman took occasion to refer to the difficulties experienced year by year in securing a sufficient number of funds to carry on the work. He expressed the strong opinion that the Chinese community, which is chiefly benefited by the existence of the two hospitals, should do more for their support. Among the Native residents of the Colony who are generally ready, when the object is a worthy one, to render it worthy assistance. He (the Chairman) would advocate the desirability of bringing the work and the needs of the hospital more clearly and fully before the Chinese community, and that they should do more than anything else to ensure the success of the hospital. What efficient and diligent effort could accomplish would, he was sure, be brought about by Mr. Thomson. The Chairman considered that the community owed the hospitals a large debt of gratitude for services rendered in time of plague, and that the matron and other lady workers associated with her were specially distinguished by self-denying zeal.

The Treasurer's report was then passed, and the Superintendent laid the report of the past year's work on the table. This closed the public business.

THE BAKHATIAN FUND.
Mrs. Stevens desired to acknowledge with thanks donations of money to her 'Bakhatian Fund,' as follows: Mr. Pearce, \$1; Mr. W. Wilson, \$1; Mrs. Burton, \$1; Miss Dano, \$1; Miss Davies, \$1; Miss Jones, \$1; and from proceeds of work sold, \$1; making a total of \$39.00, and also of large quantities of old linen from Mrs. Tucker, Hongkong Hotel.

With the same object in view, Mr. Stevens has during the year been able to supply clothing to a number of the patients who seemed most in need of it; to furnish travelling expenses to poor folks who on leaving the Alice Memorial Hospital wished to get back to their native villages for rest and change of air; to purchase fruit for the use of the patients; and to otherwise help the more needy among our patients. Any who may feel disposed to do the work being done in this direction are invited to do so, and with Mrs. Stevens will be all the more gratefully received.

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SIR T. SUTHERLAND ON THE SHIPPING INDUSTRY.

Sir Thomas Sutherland, M.P., presided at the house dinner of the Shipping Exchange, and in responding to the toast of 'The Shipping Interest' said the burning question of the hour, so far as the shipowner was concerned, was that difficult one of the rule of the road and fog signals.

He was one of the unfortunate and misguided persons who endorsed by his signature the action of their delegates at the Washington Conference in favour of the rules then agreed to. He noted not only with the best professional advice which could be obtained in the circumstances, but also with a full consciousness that he represented, at all events, one of the largest undertakings of this country of a maritime character, which never insured sixpence of its fleet, and which had, at every moment of the year, a fleet of the value of some millions sterling. But he was most sincerely glad that that important question was to be referred for investigation to a Select Committee of the House of Commons.

After condemning the amendment law affecting the tonnage of old vessels, the act relating to the inspection of ships, and the new Bill for the regulation of the shipping interest, he expressed his regret that legislation in regard to the great interest with which these present were concerned, was not dictated by any high principle, but was a mere matter of expediency, and that it was a pity that the State failed to bestow. A day or two ago a question was asked by an hon. member whether the Post Office did not think it best to transfer, to a large extent, the conveyance of mails from the Post Office to the railway companies, and German lines running from Southampton.

A suggestion of that kind was eminently and undoubtedly one which was unparliamentary, (hear, hear, and cheer.) The whole external commerce of France and Germany added together did not amount to anything like the total of the external commerce of this little country of our own, but so eager were France and Germany to create these fast vessels for so-called postal work that they paid at the present moment between them four times as much as the total amount of the subvention or subsidy paid by the British Government. So far as his own company's interests were concerned, he ventured to think that in all probability they would be better off if they were not charged with an important public duty; but it was a great public question which he did not propose to discuss.

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NEWS BY THE AMERICAN MAIL.

A NOTABLE BIRTH.
Coburg, March 11.—The Grand Duchess of Hesse, formerly Princess Victoria, daughter of the Duke of Edinburgh, has been safely accouched of a daughter. The Princess was married to Grand Duke Louis of Hesse at Coburg in April last. The presence of Queen Victoria, Emperor William of Germany and other distinguished people.

SENTENCED TO DEATH.
Constantinople, March 11.—Mustapha, the Turkish soldier, who shot into the streets of this city, killing Mr. Stupice, an American director of the Metropolitan Railroad of this city, and also killing a Turkish official, as well as wounding two other persons, was to-day sentenced to death. The widow of Mr. Stupice was recently granted a life pension by the Turkish Government.

CARRIAGES FOR CHINA.
New Haven, March 10.—The Winchester Repeating Arms Company yesterday shipped 2,000,000 cartridges to the Chinese Government. The beginning of hostilities the company has shipped 200,000 stands of arms to China and is now working on the additional cartridge order for that Government.

STANDARD OIL MAGNATES CONSOLIDATING ELECTRICAL COMPANIES.
New York, March 13.—The most stupendous trust in the world is being formed by Standard Oil magnates. It is the consolidation of all the great electrical manufacturing interest of the country, to include such corporations as the Westinghouse and General Electric companies.

The electrical trade has been appraised from various sources that the formation of an electrical trust was imminent, and, while the sources of information cannot be given, the subject has become a matter of general gossip and journals devoted to the interests of the trade have taken up the matter.

The project of consolidation is yet in an embryonic state. It may take material form at the next meeting of the board of directors of the General Electric companies, some of the members of which are said to be in favor of the formation of the big trust. This meeting will be held at once, the week in April. Some of the interested parties, it is understood, have formally discussed the matter of consolidation with the officers of the United Gas and Improvement Company, which is a Standard Oil corporation.

THE WAR IN MADAGASCAR.
Paris, March 13.—Le Soleil says: General Meneval is arranging to open a campaign in 1895, and to 1895. The object of Meneval is to explore a route to the nearly region of Madagascar for the final reduction of the main force. General Meneval is expected to go to Tananarive to

